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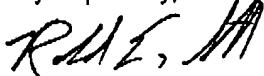
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Dear Examiner Jean-Bart:

In response to the non-final office action mailed September 12, 2006, we enclose the following:

- 1) Amendment Transmittal with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated December 12, 2006 (2 pages); and
- 2) Amendment A with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated December 12, 2006 (17 pages);

Very respectfully,



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Applicant:	: Dennis K. Killinger	1181	
Filed:	: 06/30/2003		
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For	: Open-Path/Free-Space Optical Communication System and Method Using Reflected or Backscattered Light		

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is an independent inventor.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of time is required.

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

(37 C.F.R. 1.8 (a))

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Amendment A, including Amendments to the Claims and Remarks, are being transmitted by facsimile to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Art Unit 2631, Attn: Ralph Jean Bart, (571) 273-8300, on December 12, 2006.

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3) SMALL ENTITY		
Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Addit. Fee
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No additional fee for claims is required.

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AMENDMENT A

Introductory Comments

Sir:

In response to the non-final Examiner's Action mailed 09/12/2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire 12/12/2006, the above-identified patent application is amended a first time as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.